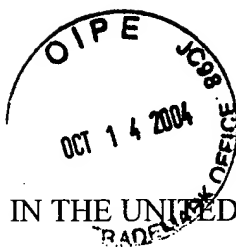


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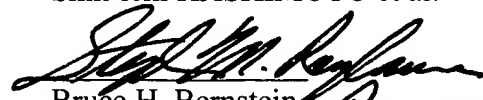
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Sir:

Further to the Request for Extension of Time for two months, filed in the above-captioned application on September 14, 2004, Applicants hereby request an additional extension of time for one month, *i.e.*, for a total extension of time of three months, up to and including October 14, 2004 (the mailing date of the final Office Action in this case being April 14, 2004). A check is attached which includes payment of the \$560.00 fee for a third-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee, including any fee necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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